

PAPERS BURNING IN THEATER BASEMENT CAUSE EXCITEMENT FOR A TIME

Louis Coggshall Saw a Man Run From the Basement Door and Then Saw the Papers Burning. Stage Hands and Performers Put Out the Fire, While the Audience Remains Calm Throughout the Performance.

Burning paper in the basement of the El Paso theater at the opening of the Shrine show Wednesday night could have caused excitement equal to that at the Richard Carle performance of "Mary's Lamb" three years ago, but the audience kept perfect control of itself.

Just after the first curtain, smoke began to make its way into the auditorium. The first act was continued while ushers investigated and the audience got restless. In the boiler room of the theater in the basement, papers were found burning on the concrete floor.

These were extinguished with the stage fire hose by the stage employees, assisted by the actors in the local talent show.

Louis Coggshall, who works at the First National bank and was a member of the quartet which sang in the Shrine show, was entering the alley in the rear of the theater soon after the fire started. As he approached the entrance at 8:45 p. m., he saw a man run from the basement by way of the concrete stairway which leads to the boiler room. The man ran east down the alley, Mr. Coggshall says, and disappeared in the darkness. As Coggshall looked to see where he came from, he saw a man run from the alley and saw a fire in the basement. He investigated and found a number of papers burning on the concrete floor. He rushed to the stage entrance of the theater and rattled it to give the alarm. As soon as he could make it clear to the stage employees that there was a fire in the basement, the hose from the stage was taken around the alleyway and the blaze extinguished. The water caused the paper to smoke and this filled the theater above with a haze which increased the excitement in the audience.

As the ushers continued to seat the late comers, this quieted the crowd a little, although the people were watching what was going on in the rear of the theater more than on the stage, where the company was assembled in the first act of the play. At 8:55 the automobile fire wagon drove down Texas street and around the theater corner onto Campbell. The strident going on the wagon clanged as the auto came down the street again as the motor turned the corner. This increased the excitement in the theater and for a time it was feared that a panic might result. A man in the audience, who was sitting in the rear of the theater, insisted that an announcement be made from the stage at once. One of the ushers started down as if to do this but was prevented from doing it by someone on the stage. The person in the rear of the house announced that everything was all right and O. L. Jeancon announced the same thing from the

stage, and the show continued without anyone leaving the theater and with no more excitement.

QUICK WORK OF THE FIREMEN

Saves Valuable Property—When Fire Starts in Eastern Grill.

Quick work by the department prevented a disastrous fire in the heart of the business district at 5:15 Thursday morning. The upstairs shop sues rooms and the kitchen of the Eastern Grill were blazing fiercely when the alarm was given by telephone from the restaurant, but in two or three minutes the firemen from the Central station had streams on the fire, and brought it almost immediately under control.

At one moment the glare from the flames was so brilliant that it looked to those at a little distance as if the City National bank building was afire and doomed, but the bank building was hardly scorched, notwithstanding the full exposure upon the restaurant structure. The firemen came so quickly and so quietly, and worked so efficiently, that guests in the Sheldon hotel, close by, did not know there had been a fire until they arose some hours later and heard the talk of it.

The water pressure was very high, and the several lines of hose, handled by trained firefighters, beat down the fire before it could do very much damage. It was a splendid piece of work, for which the department deserves all praise. Once again it has been demonstrated that instantaneous attack is nine-tenths of the battle in fighting fires in cities. The automobile engine, an usual, was right there on the job. Entry was made exactly at the seat of the fire, and the water was handled with discretion so as to minimize the damage. The fire was in a block of old brick buildings and might easily have spread with disastrous consequences.

Miss Chew carried an insurance of \$2000 on the fixtures. The insurance company places the loss at \$1500. The building is owned by J. H. Adams. The

Amusements

"The Barrier" Here, Next

Rex Beach's masterpiece, "The Barrier," will be presented at the El Paso theatre next Sunday night by an excellent company of Eastern players. The stage version of the book ranks as the most accurate exponent of life in Alaska ever presented on the American stage. It is a play with the zest of life, the rigor of the game, the reckless daring of the adventurer, and has a rich vein of humor running through it all. This is the first transcontinental tour of "The Barrier" and it comes here direct from a year's run at the New Amsterdam theater, New York City. Miss Lucretia del Valle, a well known Eastern actress has been specially engaged to play the character of "Necia" and that sterling favorite Warren Ellsworth, will be seen as Captain Burrell. The supporting company is first class in all respects, and a beautiful scenic production is carried.

"The Barrier" has for its plot the story of a hunted man, whose daughter has staked a claim which turns out rich, and relates the attempt to steal it from her. The intervention in her behalf by the United States army is in the person of a handsome young captain, who eventually woos and marries her. The story in the telling is one of the most strongly dramatic that has been staged in the past decade.

damage to the building is estimated at \$1000, covered by insurance.

THREE SMALL FIRES THURSDAY MORNING

Wind blown papers which had sought refuge under the Mesa avenue culvert of the Southwestern crossing caught fire from an unshot snipe Thursday morning and gave the auto engine from the central station a brief run to the scene of the conflagration. Damage, one percent of one cent.

A train box in the rear of a Mexican home on lower Broadway burned at 1:30 Thursday morning. Loss not estimated.

A Mexican shack on Laurel street and Michigan avenue burned Thursday morning until the department arrived and gave the house a shower bath. The house adjoined the Great Western Oil company.

HOTEL DESTROYED AT SIERRA BLANCA

Bucket Brigade Unable to Cope With Flames; a Box Car Burns.

Sierra Blanca, Tex., Feb. 22.—The Sierra Blanca hotel at this place was reduced to ashes yesterday afternoon. There being no waterworks system in that part of town a bucket brigade was formed but could not extinguish the flames with water pails. The fire started about 2 p. m., just how, no one knows.

The building was owned by W. M. Can and was covered by insurance. The furniture and hotel fixtures were owned by Dr. C. M. Mickle, of the Sierra Blanca Mercantile company, and were valued at \$2000 and insured for about 25 percent of that amount.

No one was in the hotel when the fire started and the cause was under good headway before it was discovered. Nothing was saved.

A string of cars on the Q. H. side track near the hotel also caught fire from the burning building, but quick action and diligent work on the part of the station employees and others saved the cars by moving them by means of hand brakes and punch bars. One car loaded with copper was burned. The copper being in huge bars, was not damaged.

Mrs. T. Armstrong, of Davenport, Ia., is visiting relatives in Marfa after having spent a few months here, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Polk.

T. W. Lanier is here from El Paso en route to his ranch.

The G. H. oil storage tank is being filled with oil for engine use.

MONTEREY HAS TWO DISASTROUS FIRES

Ixtle Warehouse and Ten Small Stores Are Destroyed.

Monterey, Mexico, Feb. 22.—Fire, starting from an unknown origin, in the big Ixtle warehouse, completely destroyed the property. The loss is estimated at over \$20,000.

Fire originating in the city garbage dump in the Santa Catarina river bed, caused the burning of about 10 shacks built along the river, where small merchants piled their trade with the inhabitants of the San Luisito side. Ten small merchants lost all they had.

Rita Gonzalez, a Mexican woman of the lower class, has been arrested upon complaint of her neighbors who claim she deliberately drowned her infant son in a ditch near the Tenebris district of the city.

Monterey's big carnival ended with the battle of flowers in the driveway of the Alameda Portillo Diaz, and was the most brilliant and decorated of decorated autos and carriages ever seen in this section. Miss Dianita Larralde was crowned queen before the parade began by Tomas Mendez, president of the carnival committee. The first prize was won by Manuel Alanis Azañeta, whose automobile was artistically decorated with purple orphreums, the second prize going to Miguel Nieto, Senor Nieto's carriage was decorated in immense poppies.

MORMON COLONISTS TO GET THEIR MAIL

Arrangements were made with the El Paso postoffice Thursday to send all mail for the Mormon colonies to Columbus, N. M., to be forwarded from there through Palomas. The Mormon colonists will attend to getting the mail from Columbus to the colonies. Three sacks of letter mail were sent Thursday by express from El Paso to Palomas, and these will be sent forward by private conveyance. After today, all mail will be routed by the government to Palomas, instead of Juarez.

RUIDOSO NOTES.

Ruidoso, N. M., Feb. 22.—Fred and Gerald Tully, of Glencoe, are here with a bunch of cattle which they are taking to Alto to pasture.

Bob Haze, of Alto, is here buying chickens from R. Bracken.

Miss Ethel Phillips, of Alto, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lucius Lane.

Carl Adkins, of Ft. Stockton, is here on business.

W. G. Davenport passed through en route to Tularosa from Roma, where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ennis Hilburn.

Mrs. Charles Wingfield and daughter, Miss Doris, and little granddaughter, Mary Wingfield, have gone to Mesquite.

Harold Clark, of Glencoe, is here on business.

J. V. Tully, of Glencoe, is here looking after his cattle.

Miss Viola Arent, teacher at San Patricio, and her brother, Bundy, spent two days with their parents at this place.

George Blair, who has been at Glencoe for the past year, passed through here en route to Arizona.

Felix Miller, of Glencoe, passed through here en route to Eagle Creek, N. M., where he goes to look after horses.

News Brevities

Train Bulletin.

G. H. train No. 7, due at 6 p. m., will arrive at 8:30 p. m.; T. & P. train No. 5, due at 8:25 p. m., will arrive at 10:30 p. m. All other trains are reported on time for Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mexican Herald on Sale at Ward's Pharmacy, in El Paso. Complete and reliable news of what happens in Mexico.

Dr. Gerber, 318 Mills Bldg.

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Dr. R. M. Ratliff, dentist, successor to Dr. Paget & Ratliff, 204-S-8 Caples Bldg.

Dr. Pearce, osteopathic physician, Roberts-Banner Bldg., phone 2495.

Dr. Preston, diseases of stomach and intestines, Roberts-Banner Bldg.

Go to 512 Mesa for your meals.

Chaloner Loses His Suit.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 22.—John Armstrong Chaloner, of Virginia, has lost his suit in the federal court to have Thomas T. Sherman discharged as "committee of his person" and regain custody of his estate. In finding for the defendant, Judge Holt declared that no irregularity had been shown in the appointment of the committee of Chaloner's person and that his remedy lies in an appeal to the supreme court of New York to vacate its judgment declaring him insane.

Y. W. C. A. lunch, 11:30 to 2. Women and men welcome. 4th floor-Calisher Bldg.

Dr. A. T. Still Osteopathic Infirmary. Dr. Ira W. Collins, physician in chief; Dr. Amelia Burk, Dr. Grace Parker, Dr. Paul W. Collins, consulting physicians; 201 West Missouri street.

Dr. J. H. Paget, dentist, 501-502 Roberts-Banner Bldg., phone 1650.

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Dr. Cameron, Dentist, 225 Mesa Ave.

Dress Parade Friday.

Dress parade will be held at Fort Bliss Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

Dr. Jamieson, genito-urinary, skin and rectal diseases, 618 Mills Bldg.

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PHOENIX MAN CHARGED WITH SLASHING WOMAN.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 22.—The police are searching today for Jesus Valencia, who, the officers charge, escaped last night after terribly mutilating his wife with a carving knife. Valencia had been released from jail, where he had been sent on complaint made by his wife and tried to cut her throat. The woman's neck and hands were terribly slashed, but she is expected to recover.

Two hundred fifty rolls best roofing, slightly damaged, at half price, Lander Lumber Co., phone 282.

Fresh fish at Ardoin's Market.

EAST EL PASOANS TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT MATTERS.

East El Pasoans interested in the erection of a school building will have a meeting Saturday evening at the new Austin Park Christian church. Matters pertaining to the general welfare of East El Paso will also be discussed.

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